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*** Media Advisory ***

Sen. Brown, Rep. Shaffer announce decision on U.S. 131 project

- Who:** State Sen. Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township; Rep. Rick Shaffer, R-Three Rivers; and Michigan Department of Transportation officials.
- What:** Press conference on reinstated plans to expand and improve U.S. 131.
- When:** Friday, April 21
10 a.m.
- Where:** Three Rivers Community Center
103 S. Douglas Ave.
Three Rivers
- Briefing:** Late last year, the Granholm administration canceled plans to expand U.S. 131 through St. Joseph County, including a bypass around the village of Constantine.

Earlier today, it was announced that the Michigan Senate, House of Representatives and the administration agreed to appropriate \$31 million to complete the project.

Brown and Shaffer have been actively involved with the project, holding a town hall meeting for concerned residents and working with government officials to help reinstate the necessary funds.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Brown helped ensure the project was included in the last two MDOT budgets and has participated in numerous planning meetings to update local officials and residents.

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